

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-9 are pending. By this Amendment, claim 1 and the specification are amended to correct an inadvertent error. No new matter is added.

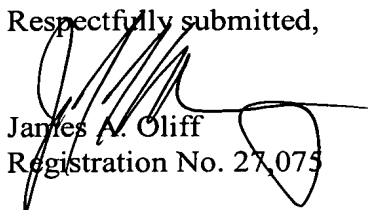
The above amendments are made to correct the Examiner's Amendment, which arose from an inadvertent translation error in the specification and claims. In particular, although Applicant's representative agreed to an Examiner's Amendment to amend claim 1 to delete "first" from the term "first magnetic layer," that correction should have instead been made to refer to a "first pole layer." A "first pole layer" has direct antecedent basis in the same clause in claim 1, and correction of this term is only the correction of an obvious error.

Entry of these amendments is proper under Rule 312 because the amendments do not require further search and/or consideration by the Examiner, do not affect the scope of the claims, and are made merely to correct obvious errors. A Notice of Allowance for this application was mailed on January 6, 2006, and the Issue Fee has not yet been paid.

Accordingly, entry of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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